Investigation for Poster Reading Habit of Researchers with Different Academic Background

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Mesenchymal Stem Cell-Cardiomyocyte Interactions under Defined Contact Modes on Laser-Patterned Biochips

Introduction

Introduction The structural and functional integrations between cells are closely related to their particular contact-modes, including junction formation, tunneling nanotube connection, and cell fasion. In junction-formation mode, junctional proteins (e.g., connexins and cadherins) are distributed at the contact area between stem cells and cardiomycytes: Connexins play an important role in electrical coupling, and cadherins do so for mechanical coupling[]. Stem cells can also interact with cardiomycycytes by partial or full cell fusion process [2], [3]. A newly discovered mode of intercellular interaction between stem cells and cardiomycytes is formation of thin-membrane channels (tunneling monotubes). membrane channels (tunneling nanotubes).

Objective

Understanding how stem cells interact with cardiomyocytes is crucial for cell-based therapies to restore the cardiomyocyte loss that occurs during myocardial infarction and other cardia ciseases. It has been though that functional myocardial repair and regeneration could be regulated by stem cell-ardiomyocyte contact. However, because various contact modes (junction formation, cell fusion, partial cell fusion, and tunneling nanotube formation) occur randomly in a conventional coculture system, the particular regulation corresponding to a specific contact mode could not be analyzed. analyzed

In this study, we used laser-patterned biochips to define cell-cell contact modes for systematic study of contact-mediated cellular interactions at the single-cell level. The results showed that the biochip design allows defined stem cell-cardiomyocyte contact-mode formation, which can be used to determine specific cellular interactions, including electrical coupling, mechanical coupling, and mitochondria transfer. The biochips will help us gain knowledge of contact-mediated interactions between stem cells and cardiomyocytes, which are fundamental for formulating a strategy to achieve stem cell-based cardiae tissue regeneration regeneration



Cell culture: Neonatal cardiomyocytes were isolat three-day neonatal rats using a two-day protocol. Commercial rat mesenchymal stem cells (rMSCs) from bone marrow were purchased from ScienCell™ research laboratories. The rMSCs and cardiomyocytes are coculture. Biochip design and construction: The basic design concept

was to create a microwell with defined geometrical restrictions that contained one rMSC and one cardiomyocyte We produced two types of microwell: contact-promotive and contact-preventive



An rMSC is pumped out of the hollow fiber, trapped by the focused laser beam, and guided into the right side of a contact-preventive microwell (dotted pink circle) containing a cyte (left side of the microwell). (pink: rMSCs; green: cardiomyocytes)

Immunocytochemistry: see result Live cell-membrane and mitochondria labeling: rMSCs and cardiomyocytes were labeled by Dil and DiO. To visualize mitochondria transfer from rMSCs to cardiomyocytes, the mitochondria of rMSCs were live-labeled with transfers by MitoTracker. Statistical analysis:

The percentage of occurrence of each contact mode was calculated by equation below for one biochip. Totally, 10 identical biochips were analyzed to collect the statistical results. Data were expressed as mean ± SD Percentage of contact mode = Numbers of cell pairs in contact node/Total number of viable cell pairs



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Figure 1: A example of designed poster

ABSTRACT

The emergence of a large number of scientific papers calls for a short version of scientific papers to convey researchers' ideas, especially for these interdisciplinary studies. Posters appear in various fields as a new format to efficiently and coherently express core ideas of

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original papers. Interestingly, although poster has been used in a large number of different fields, the compositions and layout for most posters in various areas are similar. However, there is little to no-depth knowledge about the different reading habits of readers with diverse backgrounds to read academic posters with similar compositions and layout. In this paper, we explore the preference in poster reading of researchers with different academic backgrounds via studying researchers' poster reading habits collected with eyetracking methodology.

Long-distance communication between rMSCs and cardiomyocytes. Long distance connections

(E): Mitochondria transfer from

one rMSC to its contacting cardiomyocyte. (F): Mitochondri transfer through the cardiomyocyte-origin filopodia

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Conclusion

In our study, two types of biochips (contact-promotive and

micropatterning and microfabrication techniques, were used

rMSCs and cardiomyocytes. Four in vivo-relevant intercellular interaction modes, including junction formation,

intercentuar interaction modes, including junction formation, cell fusion, partial cell fusion, and tunneling anoutube, were modeled by our biochip systems. Investigation of these contact modes and functional integration of stem cells inside the heart may enhance our understanding of the mechanisms for cardiac-cell therapies

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between rMSCs and cardiomyocytes in contact-preventive microwells through (A B) rMSC-origin tunneling nanotube or (C, D) cardiomyocyte origin filopodium-like structure

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CCS CONCEPTS

• Human-centered computing \rightarrow Empirical studies in visualization; Empirical studies in interaction design.

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1 INTRODUCTION

126 Recently, eye trackers are extensively used to investigate the pattern 127 of human cognition in different fields[1], including education[2], 128 medical[3], user interface interaction[4], marketing[5], and media[6] 129 Education is one of the significant areas where the understanding 130 of the human cognition pattern is needed. Familiarization of your 131 peer's work is an essential aspect of education. Though reading 132 academic papers is the most common way to know your peer's 133 work, it is also a time-consuming task for most researchers, espe-134 135 cially for researchers who work for interdisciplinary studies. The emergence of a large number of scientific papers calls for a short 136 137 version of scientific papers to convey researchers' ideas. Posters 138 appear as a new format to efficiently and coherently express core ideas of original papers in many different fields. Interestingly, al-139 though poster has been used in a large number of different fields, 140 the compositions and layout for most posters in various areas are 141 142 similar. However, there is little to no-depth knowledge about the different reading preference of readers with diverse backgrounds to 143 read academic posters with similar compositions and layout. What 144 do researchers choose from a poster? Which items and areas of the 145 poster do they attend to and which of these do they actually read? 146 Are reading paths for all researchers the same? In order to figure 147

148 out the answers of these questions, we start this study.

149 In this study, eye-tracking is used for collecting reading path and gaze to analyze the poster reading pattern from participants. We 150 explore the cognitive pattern in poster reading of researchers with 151 different academic backgrounds (computer science and biology) via 152 studying researchers' poster reading habits. The goal is to correlate 153 poster reading pattern with understanding rate of computer science 154 researchers and of biological researchers when they read computer 155 science and biological posters. 156

First, we provided four posters (one entry-level computer science 157 study, one entry-level biological study, one hard-level computer 158 159 science study and one hard-level biological study) for 10 computer science researchers and 10 biological researchers to read with eye-160 161 tracker. In the second step, we asked them to answer some questions 162 based on the posters and choose the important parts for understanding each poster. Professional researchers evaluate their understand-163 ing of the posters based on their answers for each poster. Finally, 164 we discuss the poster reading pattern and correlate their poster 165 reading pattern with understanding rate. 166

Our hypotheses is biological researchers are more focusing on 167 methodology, results and conclusion. Instead, computer science re-168 searchers pay more attention on introduction, objective and method-169 ology. This study can contribute to advance the poster marking 170 for these interdisciplinary studies to effectively convey the core 171 172 ideas of academic papers to researchers with different academic 173 backgrounds.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Poster advantages and poster making

Though reading academic papers is the most common way to know your peer's work, it is also a time-consuming task for most researchers. The emergence of a large number of scientific papers calls for a short version of scientific papers to convey researchers' ideas, especially for these interdisciplinary studies. Posters appear in various fields as a new format to efficiently and coherently express core ideas of original papers, usually during conferences. Posters allowed the conference participants to have a 'snapshot' of the findings[7]. Posters also allowed researchers' results to be presented in a commutable environment, which will enable participants to exchange ideas[8]. Compared with oral presentation held at a particular time, poster presentation is more flexible in the time. Since posters tend to stay on display throughout a conference for a whole day for the most circumstance[9]. Lots of literature have been discussed on how to create a qualified scientific poster. Qiang and coworkers used machine learning to study the practical layout of the posters through training on the readable posters[10]. Several requirements should be achieved in poster making in order to generate a qualified academic poster:

1) Both important textual and graphical contents need to be extracted correctly.

2) Both textual content and graphical elements (table, images) need to be fit each panel and optimized for readability.

Recently, poster template emerged as an easier way to generate scientific posters to share the researchers' ideas effectively. One main reason for the emergence of these templates is the popularity of posters used in a large number of different fields.

2.2 Eyetracking and poster

Eyetracking has been extensively used in studying different aspects of reading, including font size and type[11], similarity-based interference[12], sentence comprehension[13]. Besides, eye tracking has been used to study reading habits and recognition patterns in different media, including newspaper[14], web-page[15], etc. Though these media may share some commons with poster, there are not many eye tracking studies analyzing the recognition pattern for poster reading.

Hao and coworkers, in 2019, for the first time, used eye tracking technology to assess the cognitive pattern for poster reading[16]. In their study, they concluded that the gaze entropy and mutual information from individual gaze information channel are related to participants' individual differences. From our perspective, their emphasis on individual difference may incorrect since they didn't categorized the participant in their study.

3 METHODOLOGY

In this paper, eye-tracking is used for collecting the preference of poster reading pattern from participants. We explore the cognitive pattern in poster reading of researchers with different academic backgrounds via studying researchers' poster reading habits. One plain poster layout is used as the template (Fig. 1) to generate posters(http://www.academicposter.org/postertemplates.html). Besides, to study the relationship of participants' poster reading

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behavior and understanding rate on entry-level and hard-level reading materials, one entry-level poster and one hard-level poster are used in the study for each field, respectively. Graduate students from computer science and biology will be asked to read both posters containing contents of computer science and biology.

3.1 Apparatus and site setting

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The Gazepoint GP3 eye tracker (Gazepoint) is corneal reflection eye tracker detected with infrared light. Its controller (Gazepoint controller) was utilized for data collection and data analysis. The participants looked at the high resolution (1680×1050) 24 inch monitor that displayed the 4 posters. The experiment was conducted in a quiet and dark room. The sampling rate of Gazepoint is 60 Hz. The accuracy of eye tracker is 0.5-1 degree.

3.2 Poster making and stimulus

We made four posters based on four academic papers as shown in Fig. 2.

One is a well known entry-level biological field paper(Fig. 2A). It 252 showed that election stimulation caused the vagus nerve to se-253 crete chemicals that decrease heart contractions. The author of this 254 study was awarded Nobel prize in 1936 because of his discovery 255 about the role of acetylcholine as an endogenous neurotransmitter. 256 The other biological paper is a hard-level paper(Fig. 2B). It showed 257 that mesenchymal stem cell-cardiomyocyte interactions under two 258 defined contact modes on laser-patterned biochips. It is a cutting-259 edge paper published in 2013 with complex experimental design 260 and cutting-edge technology. 261

For the two computer science papers, one is an entry-level paper 262 about quick sort(Fig. 2C). Quick sort is a very popular data sorting 263 algorithm that has been developed[17] since 1960s. It is a divide 264 and conquer algorithm which creates two empty arrays to hold ele-265 ments less than the pivot value and elements greater than the pivot 266 value, and then recursively sort the sub arrays. There are two basic 267 operations in the quick sort algorithm, swapping items in place and 268 partitioning a section of the array. The other one is a hard-level 269 computer science paper(Fig. 2D) talking about image reconstruc-270 tion based on sparse 3d point cloud[18], which is published in the 271 top conference of Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition(CVPR). It shows that point cloud and the associated attributes like color 273 and SIFT descriptors contain enough information to reconstruct 274 detailed comprehensible images of the scene which will lead to 275 potential privacy problems. 276

Four papers are selected as testing materials to set up the experiment. Posters are made based on papers. All students participating in the experiment had an efficient reading ability to understand the tested posters and confirmed that they had never seen the materials before. Moreover, we defaced the author and institutional information.

3.3 Subjects

A total of 20 graduate researcher students (10 from computer science
and 10 from biology or bioengineering) from Clemson University
participated in the eye-tracking experiment. Each student read four
posters. Their ages range from 22 to 30 years. All the participants
have the ability to understand English and have normal color vision.
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In addition, they have never seen the 4 posters before. All participants received consent form at the beginning of the experiment. They filled in a pre-questionnaire about their basic information and a post-questionnaire about four posters.

3.4 Experimental design

10 computer science graduate research students and 10 biological graduate research student read 4 different posters(mentioned in poster making and stimulus section). Within-subject effect would be a measure of absolute and percentage time for each individual's time spending on different posters in our experiment. Between-subject effect would be a measure of absolute and percentage time for different individual's time spent on each poster. It is a 2 X 4 study(2 Groups with 4 different posters).

3.5 Procedure and data collection

All participants received a consent form and a pre-questionnaire at the beginning of the experiment. Equipment calibration was conducted before the formal experiments. Then, the participants were instructed to view the posters as they read the paper-version posters as usual. The posters were presented one after another. These tested materials were presented for three minutes or stop for next when readers pressed their space key. Everyone was seated in a chair, and asked to lean forward to rest his/her chin comfortably, with his/her head 60 cm distant from the computer screen. During eye-tracking, no interaction occurred between the operator and the participants. After the experiment, each participant was asked to fill a short post-survey questionnaire. Eye movements were recorded with a Gazepoint GP3 eye-tracking system. The raw video data was produced by its software. The video data was input to the eyetracking analysis software to edit AOIs, creating some visualizations (scan path, heatmap of AOIs) and a series of fixations (the start time, the duration, and the X and Y positions on the screen). The following analysis is based on this format of eye-tracking data.

3.6 Statistics

The statistics analysis is implemented with python. In total, 2 different test groups (BIO and CS) were investigated. For each test group, 10 samples were tested. Before merging data from different samples in the same test group, Levene's test was used to ensure the equal variance assumption. For comparing differences among groups with normally distributed and equal variance, the two way ANOVA test was used. P-values of less than 0.05 were considered significant. Usually the two way ANOVA will show the significance of two factor's main effect as well as their interaction. Based on the two way ANOVA test, we analyzed the reading pattern among different group and the relationship between group and posters or area of interests.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Scan path

Data on visual behaviour can be used as measures of attentional processes. The actual paths of visual behaviour across the poster can be seen as the scan paths (Fig. 3), which are shown from the whole time of reading and scanning the poster. The circles indicate fixations, i.e.

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Figure 2: The layout and content of four posters. A is entry-level biological poster; B is a hard-level biological poster; C is entry-level computer science poster; D is hard-level computer science poster.

pauses when the eye rests for intake of information. Larger circles indicate longer fixations. There is a 1-second filled reference circle in the bottom left corner. Lines indicate saccades, which are quick jumps (20–50 milliseconds), when the reader changed the position of the eye to reach the next landing position.

Fig. 3 shows Scan paths and fixation of all 8 cases. A, C, E, G is typical examples of biological students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accord-ingly. B, D, F, H is typical examples of computer science students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly. We may notice that for BIO group, the main concentration is located in the middle and right of the poster which is related to paper method, result and conclusion. However, for CS group, more attention will be paid to the left part of each poster which is related to paper introduction, objectives and method. This observation slightly shows there might be existing difference in reading pattern between BIO group and CS group based on poster content(area of interests).

To further analyze reading paths and reading priorities, each poster has been segmented into 7 areas: Title, Introduction, Objective, Materials and method, Result, Conclusion and Reference (Fig. 4).

For each subject, we mapped the time sequence order in which these defined areas caught the attention of the reader. The order sequence was treated as a score (1 = 7 points, 2 = 6 points, etc.). Scores for each area were then added across the all biological and computer science readers (see Table 1). The time sequence order of attention is shown in Figure 5 of reading. From table 1, we can see that the total scores of CS group on paper Introduction and Objective are always higher than that of BIO group. Whereas, the total score of BIO group on paper Result and Conclusion are always higher than that of CS group. These observations give us a strong hint that CS group and BIO group may have difference in reading pattern considering poster content. CS group will pay more attention to Introduction and Objective while BIO group will pay more attention to Result and Conclusion.

The time sequence order of attention shown in Fig. 5 also displayed the different reading orders between BIO group and CS group considering poster AOI. From the scan path and time sequence order of attention, we noted biological students do not read in the ordinary sense. Besides title, many biological students chose to read materials and method section first, then introductionobjectives-result-conclusion. Computer science students read from title to introduction and gradually towards result.

To further analyze the fixation, we shown the heat-map of all computer science and biological students on poster 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Fig. 6). From the fixation, we see students from computer science and biology have remarkable different patterns during reading. Biological students focus more on method, result and conclusion. Computer science students are more focusing on introduction, objective and materials and methods.

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Figure 3: Scan paths and fixation of all 8 cases. A, C, E, G is typical examples of biological students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4,
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Figure 4: An example of poster segmentation

Table 1: The score of the order sequence

Sum of Score		Area of Interests						
		Title	Introduction	Objective	Materials&method	Result	Conclusion	Reference
Poster 1	CS	54	65	55	43	31	12	8
	BIO	43	53	44	56	41	21	9
Poster 2	CS	69	59	49	39	22	6	1
	BIO	59	46	44	46	41	20	7
Poster 3	CS	42	67	51	44	29	17	3
	BIO	31	67	49	47	37	24	9
Poster 4	CS	64	62	52	41	24	11	0
	BIO	67	61	51	34	31	13	1

4.2 Average absolute and percentage time

Then we analyze allocated time for different sections in the poster by reader. For each reader, we recorded the absolute time spend on each section and then calculated the time spent on each segment of the poster as a percentage of the entire time spent on the poster.

4.2.1 Average absolute time. We first use two way ANOVA to an-alyze the significance of group factor and poster factor as well as their interaction. In Fig. 7A, it shows the average absolute time spent on each poster(mean + standard deviation) based on different student group(BIO/CS). We compared the absolute time for biologi-cal and computer science students on poster 1, 2, 3, 4. The result shows that there is no difference between two test groups (BIO and CS). The Fig. 7B shows the two factor ANOVA analysis, from which

we can know that none of the simple group factor, simple poster factor or group-poster interaction is significant. This means based on average absolute time, the two factor group and poster have no significant effect and no significant interaction.

4.2.2 Average percentage time. Now we analyze the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 1, 2, 3, 4. The results in Fig. 8 show that different groups spare different time on each poster AOI. The BIO group would spare more time on paper Method and Results while the CS group would spare more time on paper Introduction, Objective and Method. For further analysis, we did the two way ANOVA for each poster considering group factor and AOI factor in Fig. 9. For poster 1, the average time percentage on each poster AOI is shown in Fig. 9A. 2019-12-03 16:09. Page 6 of 1–13.

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Figure 5: Time sequence order of attention. A, C, E, G is time sequence order of attention of biological students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly. B, D, F, H is time sequence order of attention of computer science students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly.

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Figure 6: Heat-map of reading time. A, C, E, G is head-map of biological students reading poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly. B, D, F, H is heat-map of computer science students reading poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly.

From Fig. 9B the analysis of two way ANOVA, we can see that AOI factor is significant as well as the group-AOI interaction. So we can know that AOI keeps main effect on time percentage during poster reading, and each group shows different AOI reading habits since the interaction of group factor and AOI factor is significant. The

similar analysis could be conducted on poster 2, 3, 4 in Fig. 9D, F, H. And we could see that AOI factor is significant over all 4 posters with the group-AOI interaction showing important effect. So we may conclude that different reading group may show different reading habits based on poster AOI. F

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Figure 7: The average absolute time spent on different posters.

4.3 Understanding rate

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In the last part, we show our statistic result for understand rate (Fig. 10A). For two biological posters, no one in computer science understood the content. Instead, 80 percent of biological students understood the content of entry-level biological poster. 50 percent of biological students understood the content of hard-level biological poster. For entry-level poster in computer science, 50 percent biological student and 100 percent computer science student truly understood the content of that poster. For hard-level poster in computer science, 10 percent biological student and 30 percent computer science student understood the content of that poster. Fig. 10 B to E show the statistics about answer to which parts are most important for understanding contents. We can notice the same pattern as shown in fixation heat-map. Biological students thought method, result and conclusion can help to understand the content, while computer science students thought introduction, objective and method are more important for understanding the content of poster.

DISCUSSION / CONCLUSIONS 5

From the scan path and time sequence order of attention, we noted biological students do not read in the ordinary sense. Besides title, many biological students chose to read materials and method section first, then introduction-objectives-result-conclusion. Computer science students read from title to introduction and gradually toward result. From the fixation heat-map, we see students from computer science and biology have remarkable different patterns during reading. Biological students more focus on method, result and conclusion. Computer science students are more focus on introduction, objective and materials and methods.

Our observation is consistent with our hypothesis that biological 978 979 researchers are more focusing on methodology, results and conclusion. Instead, computer science researchers pay more attention on 980 introduction, objective and methodology. Our statistics based on 981 two-way ANOVA confirmed our observation that different groups 982 983 show different reading habits considering poster AOI. The interac-984 tion of group factor and AOI factor occupies an important part in poster reading. 985

986 2019-12-03 16:09. Page 9 of 1-13. Our questionnaire about important parts for understanding content also confirmed our observation. Biological students thought method, result and conclusion can help to understand the content, while computer science students thought introduction, objective and method are more important for understanding the content of poster.

These results can explain the low understanding rate of computer science students for entry-level biological poster. When biological students prepare their poster, they put emphasis on method, result and conclusion. However, computer science students ignore these important parts in biological poster because they thought introduction and objective will tell them the whole story when they read a poster. For hard-level poster, both test groups put more efforts on the the parts which they thought are more important. For biological students, they paid more attention on method. Instead, for computer science students, they care more about objectives. Thus, for both test groups, though they can get the important parts from the poster in their own academic background, they may ignore important information when they read poster from other academic background. This study can contribute to advance the poster making for these interdisciplinary studies to effectively convey the core ideas of academic papers to researchers in biology and computer science. Since both test groups pay more attention on method, we can merge all important information in materials and methods section when we make poster for biological-computer science interdisciplinary studies.

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Figure 8: The average percentage time spent on different segments. A, C, E, G is the average percentage time spent on different segments of biological students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly. B, D, F, H is the average percentage time spent on different segments of computer science students read poster 1, 2, 3, 4, accordingly.

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Figure 9: ANOVA analysis. A and B is the analysis of the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 1; C and D is the analysis of the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 2; E and F is the analysis of the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 3; G and H is the analysis of the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 3; G and H is the analysis of the percentage time for each segment for biological and computer science students on poster 4.

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Figure 10: Understand rate and important parts. A is statistic result for understand rate. B, C, D, E is answer for which parts are most important for understanding contents for poster 1, 2, 3 and 4, accordingly

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